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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 16, 2004.

Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group XXV-XXVII (claims 27-29) for prosecution in the instant application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. The traversal is on the ground that sufficient reasons and/or examples to justify a Restriction Requirement have not been provided. Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome to search the claims of Group XXVIII-XXX (claims 30-31). Both of these groups of claims are found in the same class and both are method claims. Applicants further submit a search relating to the subject matter of claims 27-29 is likely to uncover art relating to the subject matter of claims 30-31. Accordingly, it is requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and that these claims be examined.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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